Year	Growth Rate in the Per Capita Income
1983-84	5.9
1984-85	1.2
1985-86	1.7
1986-87	1.6
1987-88	1.6
1988-89	8.3
1989-90	4.8
1990-91	3.0
1991-92	-2.1
1992-93	3.1
1993-94	4.2
1994-95	5.8
1995-96	5.5
1996-97	6.3
1997-98*	3.0
1998-99**	4.2

* Quick estimates

** Update of Advance estimates

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Estimates of Per Capita Income
(At 1993-94 prices)

Year	Per Capita Income (Rs.)
1979-80	5241*
1989-90	7293*
1998-99	10070

* Have been derived using the growth rates as observed in net national product of 1980-81 series.

Reduction in retirement age of Government Employees

*72. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to reduce the retirement age of Central Government employees from 60 to 58 years;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) what will be the modalities adopted for this scheme; and

(d) what will be the overall impact on employment situation in this way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Families Below Poverty Line in Himachal Pradesh

*73. SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of families living below the poverty line during the past five years, year-wise and district-wise in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the effect of various schemes started at different points to uplift the people living below the poverty line in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) what is the result the schemes have yielded;

(d) if none, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures Government have undertaken to improve their living?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The Planning Commission estimates the percentage of persons living below poverty line at national and state level from the quinquennial consumer expenditure survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The last such survey was conducted in 1993-94. The next quinquennial survey on consumer expenditure is being conducted during the year 1999-2000. As such the estimates of percentage of people living below the poverty line during the past five years are not available. As per the latest estimates of percentage of persons living below the poverty line, based on the consumer expenditure survey data of 50th Round of NSSO, 28.44 per cent of the population in Himachal Pradesh lived below the poverty line in 1993-94. Since the National Sample Survey (NSS) data on consumer expenditure are not available at district level, and as the Planning Commission estimates the poverty on the basis of the quinquennial consumer expenditure survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), it is not possible to estimate the incidence of poverty at district level.